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SUBJ: UEU ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE VISIT TO US; PLUS WEU
ROLE FOR SEGRE

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: EMBOFF CONVEYED ORAL POINTS IN
REFTEL TO WEU STAFFER WHO WILL INFORM JULIAN CRITCHLEY.
STAFFER QUERIED WHETHER SHORTER TIME FOR VISIT PRE-
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CLUDES TRIPS AWAY FROM WASHINGTON AREA. PLEASE ADVISE.
TO DATE THREE PCI MEMBERS HAVE NOTIFIED WEU OF INTEN-
TION TO GO ON TRIP. FINALLY, WE RECOMMEND MINOR CHANGE
IN PRESS GUIDANCE CONTAINED PARA 4 REFTTEL. IN UNRE-
LATED MATTER, PCI MEMBER SERGIO SEGRE HAS BEEN CHOSEN
TO PREPARE REPORT ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION FOR WEU
ASSEMBLY. END SUMMARY.

2. ON FEBRUARY 10 EMBOFF ORALLY CONVEYED POINTS INCLUDED PARA 2 REFTEL TO WEU STAFFER, WHO TOOK CAREFUL NOTES AND SAID THAT HE WILL GO OVER THEM WITH WEU ASSEMBLY DEFENSE AND ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JULIAN CRITCHLEY ON FEBRUARY 15 IN BRUSSELS. STAFFER WILL THEN CONVEY TO US CHAIRMAN'S REACTION.

3. STAFFER POSED ONE PRELIMINARY QUESTION: DOES SHORTER VISIT (ONE WORK WEEK) RULE OUT TRIPS OUTSIDE WASHINGTON AREA? PLEASE ADVISE. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, STAFFER ANTICIPATED COMMITTEE WILL WANT TO SPEND MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY (MARCH 28-31) IN WASHINGTON, PERHAPS FLYING TO WEST COAST THURSDAY EVENING FOR FRIDAY VISITS TO B-1 AND MINUTEMAN MISSILE SILO AT VANDENBURG AFB, AND PERHAPS SPACE SHUTTLE IF POSSIBLE.

4. STAFFER GAVE EMBOFF LIST OF COMMITTEE PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE SO FAR NOTIFIED WEU OF INTENTION TO GO ON TRIP, POINTING OUT THAT TO DATE THREE ITALIAN COMMUNISTS, F. CALAMANDREI, S. CORALLO, AND F. MARAVELLE HAVE SIGNED UP. LIST POUCHED EUR/WE TODAY.

5. RE PRESS GUIDANCE IN PARA 4 REFTEL WE RECOMMEND THAT IT BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT MEMBERSHIP IN WEU ASSEMBLY IS MATTER FOR DECISION "BY PARLIAMENTS" OF SEVEN COUNTRIES. SENTENCE AS IT NOW STANDS COULD IMPLY THAT GOVERNMENTS OF SEVEN COUNTRIES DECIDE MEMBERSHIP, WHICH IS NOT REPEAT NOT THE CASE.

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6. LEAVING ASIDE TRIP, STAFFER CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT ITALIAN COMMUNIST SERGIO SEGRE WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED AS RAPPORTEUR FOR GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF WEU ASSEMBLY (TOTALLY SEPARATE FROM DEFENSE AND ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE). ACCORDING TO LE MONDE OF 9 FEBRUARY, SEGRE WAS NOMINATED BY "GERMAN SOCIALIST" SIEGLER SCHMIDT. LE MONDE SPECULATES THAT SEGRE'S COLLEAGUES ON THE COMMITTEE ACTED WITH MALICE AFORETHOUGHT, AS SEGRE'S FIRST DUTY WILL BE TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT FOR THE JUNE WEU ASSEMBLY MEETING," AT A MOMENT WHEN THE USSR AND OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE ON THE GRIDDLE REGARDING THIS SUBJECT."

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